

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment, and reconsideration are respectfully requested in light of the amendments made to the claims and the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1 and 6-19 stand rejected. Claims 2-5 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claims 1, 6-7, 9-13 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Chiang (USP No. 6,160,846).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with and explicitly traverses the examiner's rejection of the claims. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this matter, applicant has elected to amend claims 1, 12 and 13 and 18, to include the subject matter recited in claim 2. Applicant submits that amended claim 1, 12, 13 and 18, which include the subject matter recited in claim 2, are in a form, which the examiner has indicated would be allowable.

Having amended the independent claims to include the subject matter recited in claim 2, applicant submits that the reason for the examiner's rejection has been overcome and can no longer be sustained.

With regard to claims 6-7, 9-11 and 19, these claims depend from independent claims, which have been amended essentially in a form that the examiner has indicated to be allowable in view of the cited reference. Accordingly, claims 6-7, 9-11 and 19 are also allowable by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chiang in view of Lee (USP No. 6,763,070).

With regard to claim 8, applicant submits that this claim, by virtue of its dependency upon claim 1, includes subject matter that is not disclosed in the Chiang reference and, which is not disclosed in the Lee reference. Accordingly, for the

amendments made to claim 1, from which claim 8 depends, applicant submits that claim 8 is not obvious in view of the cited references.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

Claims 14-17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chiang in view of Hua (USP No. 6,677,706).

With regard to independent claims 14, 15 and 17, these claims have been amended to each recite subject matter similar to that recited in claim 1, which is not disclosed in the Chiang reference and, which is not disclosed by Hua. Accordingly, in view of the amendments made to the claims and the remarks made with regard to the rejection of claim 1, which are reasserted, as if in full, in response to the rejection of claims 14, 15 and 17, applicant submits that the examiner's rejection for rejecting claims 14, 15 and 17 has been overcome and can no longer be sustained.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

With regard to claims 16, and 19, these claims depend from claims 15 and 18, which have been shown to be allowable over the cited references. Accordingly claims 16 and 19 are also allowable by virtue of their dependency upon an allowable base claim.

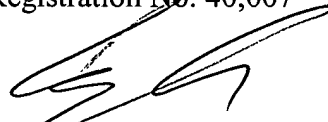
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For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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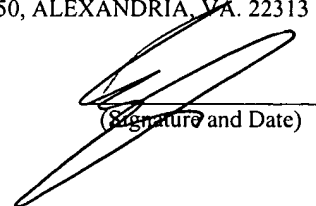
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